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Preservation Hall Cumberland Presbyterian Church / Old Town Hall Transformed

In 1839, a petition was presented to the Indiana Presbytery requesting a division of the New Hope Society, which was the Cumberland Presbyterian Church's local organization covering Warrick County. The division was granted, and on January 14, 1840, the new society with 27 members was organized in Newburgh with Rev. Ebenezer Hall named as the first minister. In 1841, A.M. Phelps donated funds for the first church building located at 10. W. Jennings. This was the home of the church until 1853



when the brick building at 200 State Street was built for \$4,000.00 on land donated by Mr. Phelps. The bell tower was destroyed in a severe storm and rebuilt in the early 1900s. The bell was cast by the William Kaye Bell Foundry of Louisville, Kentucky. In 1906, the church left the Cumberland division and joined the mother church, becoming Newburgh Presbyterian Church. Remodeling took place in 1927 and again in 1938 when the "Amen Corner" was removed. In 1965, the building was sold to the Town of Newburgh for use as a Town Hall and museum. In 1968, the yellow stucco was removed from the building's exterior and the original red brick exposed.

Renovation work is nearing completion. A dedication will be held during the November 28, 2007 Town Council meeting with a grand opening event in January. The 2000 sq. ft. upstairs hall named Ebenezer Hall after the first minister of the Newburgh society will be available for rent. The hall features 16.5 ft. ceilings with restored stained glass windows. A caterers kitchen is available. Rental rates are set at \$300.00 for Town residents and \$375.00 for non-residents. Rental arrangements can be made through the office of the Clerk-Treasurer 853.7111.

Recycling calendars for 2008 will be distributed in December. Yard waste will continue to be picked up by Allied Waste until December 28. Christmas trees will be picked up January 3 and January 11, 2007.

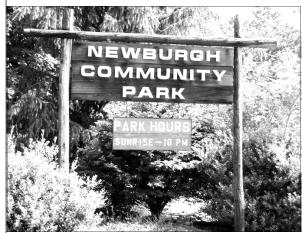
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Construction Begins on Veterans Monument

On Veterans Day 2006, the Town of Newburgh with participation from the American Legion Kapperman Post #44 dedicated Veterans Park. This year on Veterans Day, work will have begun on the construction of the monument that will honor all veterans, past, present, and future. Design work was completed by Commonwealth Engineers and Republic Companies, Inc. will be handling construction. The initial order of engraved bricks has been delivered, but the committee would like to offer another opportunity for individuals to order bricks to honor a veteran and to support the project. Orders must be received by Friday, November 30, 2007 for bricks to be placed in the monument during construction. Order forms are available online at www.newburgh-in.gov under Veterans Monument, at Town Hall, 23 W. Jennings Street, or you can fill out the form on the opposite page.

Shari Sherman, Committee Chair

Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan



The Newburgh Parks & Recreation Board strives to preserve, protect, and manage natural, historical, and recreational resources and facilities in order to offer leisure activities and programming in which all citizens can participate.

The Park Board and staff are dedicated to fiscal responsibility and efficiency through proper planning. They pursue cooperation and partnerships with fellow departments, groups, and agencies in our community to achieve these philosophies.

In order to better serve the public, the Board has

undertaken efforts to update the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. This planning process is reviewed and updated every five years. This planning tool is an instrument used to gauge past progress as well as provide vision for the future of the park system.

The survey questionnaire contains seventeen (17) questions and is available online at www.newburgh-in.gov under Park Master Plan. Surveys are being distributed to local schools and are also available at Town Hall.

The first public informational meeting was held October 4, 2007. A second meeting for public input will be scheduled in December.

Community participation in this planning process is vital for the future direction of the Newburgh park system. Surveys should be completed and returned to Town Hall by mid November.

Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner

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NVFA Holds Open House

The Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters Association performed numerous demonstrations including fire extinguisher and extrication demos at its recent Open House. Newburgh Police, Warrick County Sheriff, Ohio Valley Search and Rescue, and Yankeetown Fire Department all participated in the well-attended commu-

nity event. The NVFA would like to thank the community for its generous support during the 2007 fund drive.

Alonzo Moore, Fire Commissioner



Bicentennial Fountain Takes Shape

In 2003, the Town's bicentennial year, the Bicentennial Committee dreamed of placing a commemorative fountain downtown. Town Hall proved to be the perfect spot. Designed by local landscape architect Richard Mitchell working with the Castle High School



FFA, the fountain is nearing completion. Over eight (8) tons of rock was set in place by Rick and town crews.

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Indian Hill Overlook Park

The Town of Newburgh has begun making some noticeable improvements to the IHOP park facilities. Families can enjoy an afternoon picnicking and watching barges pass through the New-

burgh Locks and Dam. This facility is a wonderful addition to the Newburgh Park system.

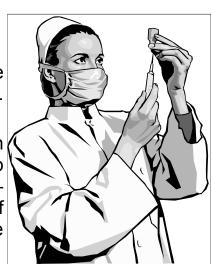
Consistent with previous practice, Indian Hill Overlook Park will close for the winter season on Monday, November 19 and will re-open mid March next spring.

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DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOTS

We have drive-thru burgers, tacos, chicken, and coffee. We even have drive-thru cleaning, banking, and prescriptions. Why not Drive-Thru Flu Shots?

The Town of Newburgh is assisting the Warrick County Health Department in making it quick, easy, and inexpensive for you to get your flu shots this year. As flu season approaches, Saturday November 10 may be the best day to help protect yourself and your family from the flu. Shots will be available for anyone twelve years and older.



- The date is November 10, 2007
- The time is 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- The place is The Apple Center: enter from Peachwood Dr., Park Place Dr., or High Point Dr.
- The cost is \$10.00 cash or check

Snacks and drinks will be provided by the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

In addition to providing a convenience to the public and shots at a reduced rate, the Health Department will use this opportunity to test their disaster plan for giving a large number of vaccines in a limited time in the event of a pandemic.

Keep in mind that the two main lines of defense against influenza are receiving a flu shot and good hand washing techniques. So, do your part to test the Warrick County Health Department disaster plan and protect yourself for the winter. It can benefit everyone.

Frank Hijuelos, Zoning Administrator



News from the PD

Chief Brett Sprinkle would like to congratulate Officer Jonathan Scully on his successful completion and recent graduation from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield.

The basic training program is a rigorous sixteen week program where officers undergo physical training and learn basic police and firearms skills.

Chief Sprinkle and the entire Newburgh department look forward to working with Jonathan in the years to come.

Bill Kavanaugh, Police Commissioner

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Upcoming Events in Newburgh

Newburgh Celebrates Christmas

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - November 30, December 1, and December 2

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Preservation Hall Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for Photos with Santa

Merchants will offer Holiday Open Houses on Saturday and Sunday

The Little Old Dam Band will stroll downtown and play Christmas Carols



The Castle High School Knight Sensations will be performing at the Riverfront Plaza Sunday evening beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the Town Christmas Tree Sunday at 6:00 P.M.